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Dear Mr. Neal and National Organic Standards Board:

This letter is in reference to the National Organic Program, Sunset Review, Docket number TM-04-07. Bay Valley Foods, LLC supports the continued allowance of the following substance(s):

| Name of Substance | Location on National List 205.605(a), 205.605(b), 205.606) | Reason for continued allowance. | Supporting Documents (List any research/ documentation supporting the necessity of using this material or the lack of OG alternatives to this material. Leave blank if you have none. |
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| Calcium Chloride | 205.605 (a) | Protect texture of cucumber cucumber/pickle products | |
| Natural Flavors | 205.605 (a) | Creates flavor for cucumber/pickle products | |
| Xanthan Gum | 205.605 (b) | Binds free liquid in Sweet relish product | |
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Sincerely,

Shelley Ehlke

Cc: Organic Trade Association
National Organic Standards Board

Attachment: "Evaluation Criteria for Substances Added to the National List"

Attached is the website that contains the "Evaluation Criteria for Substances Added to the National List". It is highly suggested that this evaluation be submitted with comments.

http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop/Newsroom/SunsetDocFedReg06_05.pdf